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Attorney Docket No. H01.2I-11939-US01***Remarks**

This Amendment is in response to the Office Action dated July 6, 2006. In the Office Action, claims 1-7, 9 and 10 were rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by Brulle (4,410,806) and claim 8 was rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Brulle (4,410,806) in view of Rea (6,249,058).

For the reasons presented herein, Applicant has traversed the rejections and assert that the claims are in condition for allowance.

The section headings correspond to the section headings of the Office Action.

35 USC 102

In the Office Action claims 1-7, 9 and 10 were rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by Brulle (4,410,806). Applicant has amended instant independent claim 1 to more clearly reflect that each of the at least two components with their respective sensors and/or actuators comprise a control unit. In addition, Applicant has rewritten claim 1 in a slightly different format as new independent claim 11 and claims 12 and 13, dependent therefrom.

Independent claims 1 and 11 recite at least two control units. In contrast, Brulle utilizes one control unit (12) instead of at least two control units, as recited in the instant independent claims. The control unit 12 of Brulle is a central control unit. As illustrated in Fig. 5 of Brulle data passes between the six sections without using individual control units. For example, the rotor dynamics section (525) interchanges data with the generator section (526) (col. 6, lines 24-29). Thus, if the type of rotor blade is changed, at least the torque calculation in section 521 and the dynamic calculations in section 525 will have to be changed for the new type

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of rotor blade being used. This is in contrast to the wind installation system of instant independent claim 1 and 11, which allows components from different manufactures to be interchanged, without requiring alterations to the control routines of the other components (paragraph [0005]).

For at least this reason, Applicant requests withdrawal of the rejection and asserts that claims 1-7, 9-13 are in condition for allowance.

35 USC 103

In the Office Action claim 8 was rejected under 35 USC 103 as being unpatentable over Brulle (4,410,806) in view of Rea (6,249,058). As discussed above, Brulle does not teach or suggest all the elements of instant independent claim 1 from which claim 8 depends. The addition of the lifting device of Rea does nothing to address the failure of Brulle to teach or suggest all the elements of instant independent claim 1. For at least this reason, Applicant requests withdrawal of the rejection and asserts that claim 8 is in condition for allowance.

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Conclusion

In light of the above comments, claims 1-13 are believed to be in condition for allowance. Notification to that effect is respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned representative at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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